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SPEAKER PROFILE: DR. HUGH DERHAM

Dr Hugh Derham, MBBS, works in Perth as a General Practitioner with special interests in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Nutritional Medicine and chronic infections, including Lyme Disease.

Coming from a background in rural and emergency medicine, Dr Derham's interest in fatigue states and CFS began in 2005 and he has actively researched and treated these conditions since that time.

Dr Derham became aware of the existence of Lyme Disease in Australia in late 2010, after which he became increasingly involved in treating and researching the condition. A significant proportion of his original CFS patients tested positive for Lyme disease, with many responding well to Lyme treatment protocols. His practice now comprises over 80% Chronic Lyme Disease patients.

He currently practices at two sites in suburban Perth - Bicton Medical Clinic and Health Quest Integrative Clinic - and consults with Lyme patients in Darwin twice a year. With increasing public awareness of Lyme disease and only a handful of doctors treating the disease in WA, his waiting lists for new patients extend beyond nine months.

Dr Derham has twice visited the BCA clinic in Augsburg, Germany, and has attended several tick-borne disease conferences in Australia. In Germany and the USA he has met and spoken with several highly experienced Tick borne disease/Lyme Physicians and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome researchers and clinicians. Most recently, Dr Derham presented several WA case studies at the Karl McManus Foundation's Tick-borne Diseases Conference in Sydney in June 2014.

Dr Derham is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College General Practitioners, a Fellow of the Australian College of Remote and Rural Medicine and is a member of the following organisations: Australian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine; Australian Integrative Medical Association; and International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society.

